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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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MALNUTRITION DEATHS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of children and adults died due to malnutrition during the last three years. State-wise, year-wise ;

(b) the number of children affected by malnutrition during the said period, State- wise ;

(c) the aid provided to the affected states by the Government in this regard ;

(d) whether the World Health Organisation has provided any kind of aid in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof including the quantum of aid released by them and the dates thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTR OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

((a) The details of number of children and adults deaths due to malnutrition are not being centrally maintained. However, malnutrition is a multifaceted problem and is not a direct cause of death but it can increase morbidity and mortality by reducing the resistance to infections. .

(b) According to National Family Health survey (NFHS-2)(1998-99), 47% children under 3 years of age are undernourished while 18% are severely undernourished. The state-wise details of undernourished children are at Annexure I.

(c)The state-wise fond released under the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) during the last three years are at annexure II.

(d)& (e) World Health Organisation (WHO) provides technical and financial support for activities directed towards improving the health and Nutritional status of the people.WHO has allocated US $ 100,000 from the regular budget under the head`Nutrition` for the current biennium (2004-2005).